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CZECHOSLOVAKIA IMPROVES LABOR TRAINING

YOUNG WORKERS TO STUDY IN HIGHER INSTITUTIONS -- Rude Pravo, No 289, 11 Dec 48

Beginning on 20 January 1949, preparatory schools and boarding schools will be established for 1,000 young workers who will be prepared for study in institutions of higher learning. Prague kraj will send 280 talented members of the working class to these schools. The kraj will allot this quota to the individual okres, that is, to factories according to their productive capacity.

Those who satisfy the following conditions will be selected for the preparatory schools, with the cooperation of enterprises and their associated labor organizations:

They must not be more than 30 years of age (exceptions are permitted only in special cases), must be from working-class or small farmer families, must have completed at least higher elementary school or lower middle school, must have distinguished themselves in production as the best workers, and must have a firm class consciousness. They must also be interested in increasing their learning and in studying in institutions of higher learning.

The one-year preparation will be completed by a matriculation examination. The expenses connected with the maintenance of the schools, feeding, and housing will be borne by the Ministry of Education, Sciences, and Arts. In addition, the pupils will receive 500 crowns of pocket money per month, and the security of their families will be assured. Applications of candidates for higher learning must be submitted not later than 24 December with such necessary documents as certificate from higher elementary or middle school, detailed biography, etc. Examinations will be held on 4, 5, and 6 January of the coming year.

The admission committee will consist of the following: a representative of the Kraj Trade Union Council, a representative of the kraj personnel committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, a representative of the kraj agricultural committee, and two representatives of the kraj school committee, including one professor and a representative sent by the Ministry of Education, Sciences, and Arts. This committee will interview each applicant. More detailed suggestions for the examinations of candidates will be sent to the kraj and okres.

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Comrades accepted for the preparatory schools will sign an agreement that, according to the nature of their enrollment, they will study in the technical or agricultural department of an institute of higher learning, or in the philosophical or pedagogical faculty of a university. According to their branch of study, they will work for 6 years in a state enterprise, to which they will be assigned after completion of their studies. This obligation may be in the form of an agreement concluded directly with the management of the enterprise which sends the comrade concerned to his school.

The schools and boarding schools will be located in five places in the republic. It is absolutely necessary to observe the deadlines in order that the preparatory schools may be opened on 20 January 1949.

#### WORKERS' SCHOOL HELD IN CHOTEBOR -- Rude Pravo, No 285, 7 Dec 48

The training of qualified workers is being conducted in the metallurgical plants in Chotebor. The training has three phases. In the first phase, experts give lectures on the formation of prices, wage policy, and organization of the enterprise. The second phase is technical, and in the third, the workers are thoroughly acquainted with the products of the factory.

#### TRAINING OF MILL WORKERS -- Rude Pravo, No 285, 7 Dec 48

During the second stage of nationalization of mills, former owners were kept on as national administrators in certain of these enterprises due to a shortage of trained personnel. Therefore, the central office of the Czechoslovak Mills arranged a one-month technical-political course in Uhřetev, for which 25 mill workers from Bohemia and Moravia were selected. In this course, there were lectures on technical facilities and operation, administration of mill enterprises, and Marxist-Leninist political theory.

The course recently ended with final examinations, which in most cases were passed successfully. The general director, Engineer Velkoborsky, praised the diligence and enthusiasm of the pupils, and certified that they were qualified to become leading administrators of mills.

#### TRAINING OF EMPLOYEES FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY -- Rude Pravo, No 279, 30 Nov 48

For effecting the new enterprise organization which will enable our textile factories to control production and fulfill their plan better, it is necessary to train 2,000 administrative employees from all the textile factories in the republic. The educational institute of the Bat'a state enterprise in Gottwaldov-Zlín is to fulfill this task by 1 May 1949. To date, about 900 textile employees have graduated from the school.

#### NEW SCHOOL FOR DENTAL STUDENTS -- Rude Pravo, No 275, 25 Nov 48

An advanced technical school for dental students will be opened at the beginning of December in the Advanced Technical School of Public Health in Prague VII. Requirement for admission is the completion of the fourth grade of gymnasium or the equivalent grade in middle school with good marks. The administration of the school is receiving written applications.

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NEW SCHOOL FOR WORKERS -- Rude Pravo, No 283, 4 Dec 48

A course in which capable workers are trained in technology for construction in the five-year plan has been started in Sliace.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IN SLOVAKIA INCREASES -- Rude Pravo, No 287, 9 Dec 48

According to statistics of the commission of education, there were 3,434 elementary schools with 381,583 pupils in Slovakia on 1 November 1948. This represents an increase of ten elementary schools and 16,921 pupils, as compared with last year. There are 456 intermediate schools, which are attended by 121,560 pupils, this is an increase of 82 intermediate schools and 33,508 pupils over last year.

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